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SUBJECT: GRAND POUBARA DAM PROJECT, GABON

REF: STATE 011083; LIBREVILLE 1621

1. MR. JOHN E. OLSON, VICE PRESIDENT OF BLACK & VEATCH INTERNATIONAL, IS PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO LIBREVILLE TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE B&V PARTICIPATION IN THE GRAND POUBARA DAM PROJECT.
2. BLACK & VEATCH IS A MAJOR ENGINEERING CONSULTANT HEADQUARTERED IN KANSAS CITY. THIS FIRM HAS WIDE RANGE CAPABILITIES AND SERVICES INCLUDING ORGANIZATION CONSULTING FOR DEVELOPING POWER, WATER, AND SANITATION COMPLEXES.
3. MR- OLSON IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE LIBREVILLE ON FEBRUARY 9 AS PART OF AN EXTENSIVE TRIP THROUGH AFRICA. DUE TO EXTREMELY TIGHT SCHEDULE, OLSON WILL BE ONLY ABLE

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TO STAY ONE DAY, FEBRUARY 10 IN LIBREVILLE.

4. MR. OLSON WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE TO
ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE GABONESE AUTHORITY TO
DISCUSS PROJECT DETAILS INCLUDING, IF POSSIBLE, PRESIDENT

BONGO. OLSON PLANS TO VISIT EMBASSY TO BE BRIEFED ON
THE PROJECT STATUS PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENTS. PLEASE
ADVISE SOONEST EMBASSY PROPOSED APPOINTMENTS FOR OLSON,
WHO IS SCHEDULED LEAVE U.S. FEBRUARY 2. KISSINGER

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